

DRAFT MEDIA STATEMENT

ISSUED BY: THE FACILITATING COMMITTEE OF THE MULTI-PARTY NEGOTIATING PROCESS AFTER ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY 18 MARCH 1993 AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE:

- 1. After the sub-committee of the Facilitating Committee met at 08h00 - 12h00, the meeting of the Facilitating Committee commenced at 13h30.
- 2. A number of issues was discussed and the following decision have been made with regard to the Multi-Party Negotiations Process:

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2.1.2 Dates

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 Planning Committee: 26 March 0830-1300
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2.1.3 Venue

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2.1.4 Administration

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All participants will have the opportunity to make inputs to this sub-committee.

2.2 Procedural arrangements

2.2.1 Name

The issue of a name of the process is still under discussion.

2.2.2 Chairpersonship

See 2.5

2.3 Standing Rules

This issue was after discussion, referred back to a sub-committee to make more recommendations.

2.4 New participants

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Note was taken of the applications of a number of Organisations to become participants or observers.

A list is included as Annexure A.

2.5 Structures, Composition and Chairpersonship

The following was decided:

Plenary:

Composition	:	Leaders of Parties plus nine delegates.
Function	:	The formal adoption of agreements.
Frequency of Meeting	:	When necessary as proposed by the Multi-Party Negotiating Forum.
Chairpersonship	:	Independent chairperson(s), still to be decided

Multi-Party Negotiating Forum:

Composition	:	Three delegates and two advisers. Participants will take the issue of gender seriously in the composition of delegations
Function	:	Receives, confirms (with or without amendments) reports and proposals from the Negotiating Council for submission to Plenary. Also instructs and supervises the work of the Negotiating Council.

- Frequency of Meeting : Fortnightly or as may be decided from time to time.
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Planning Committee:

- Composition : Ten members of the Negotiating Council (no substitutes allowed as each member is appointed in a personal capacity and not as a representative of parties/organisations/administrations. Flexibility should, however, be allowed.) The principles of rotation and continuity in the membership were accepted.
- Function : To work under the directives and

supervision of the Negotiating Council.
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- Frequency of Meeting : Available on a full time basis, meeting on an ongoing basis or as may be decided from time to time.
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Technical Committee(s):

- Composition : Any person appointed by the Multi-Party Negotiating Council (non-South Africans excluded).
- Function : These committees function as ad hoc committees with specified tasks.
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Administration:

Accountable to the Planning Committee.

2.6 The Gender Issue

It was agreed that a notice be sent out by the Administration to all participating parties/organisations/delegations for a lady representative to attend a meeting to put forward their views on their form of participation in the negotiating process.

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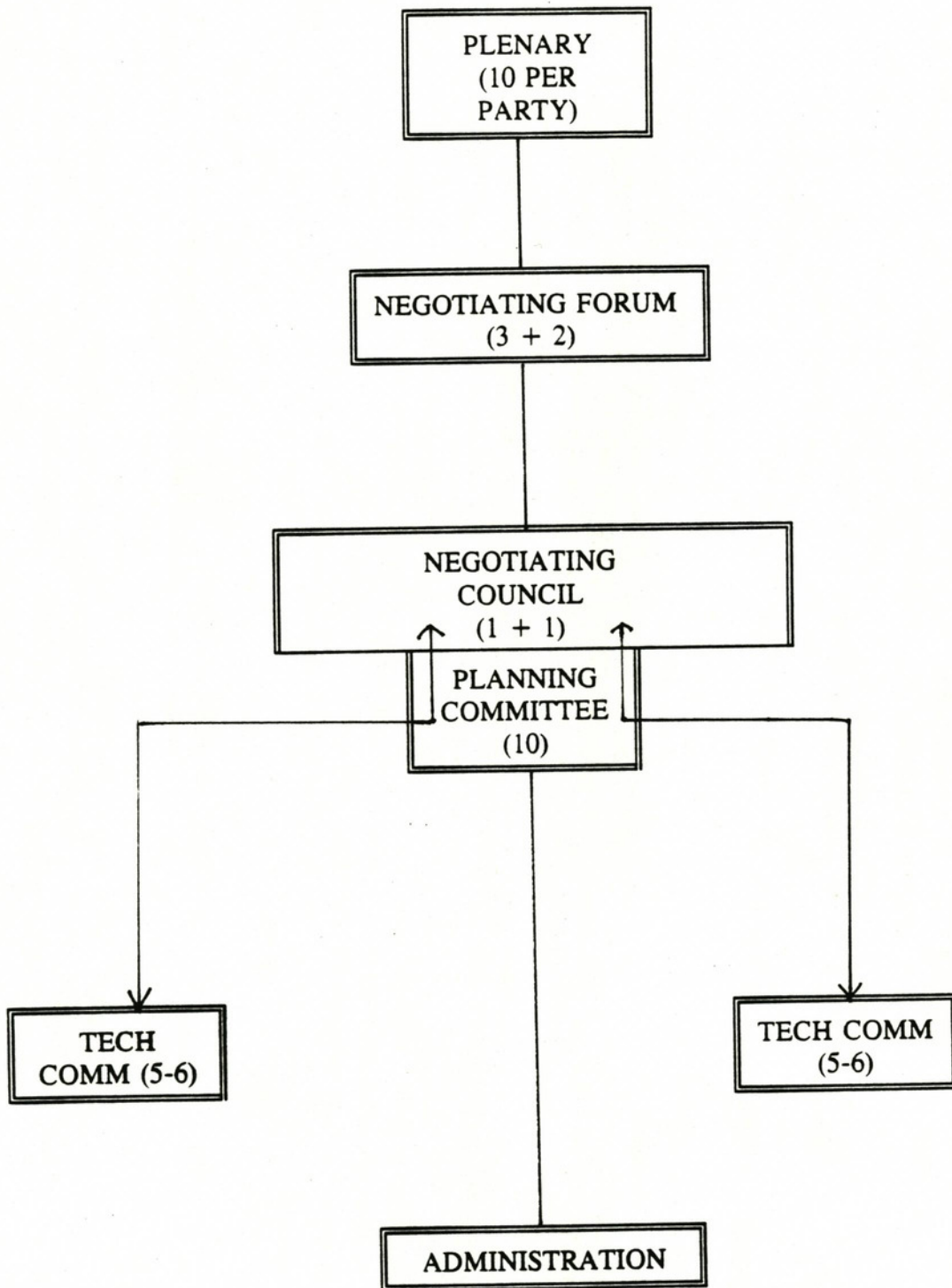
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